

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—We have utilisation certificates. But if there is anything I will get it examined.

DY. SPEAKER.—Sri C. M. Arumugham to call the attention of the Minister for Health and Family Welfare to the lightening strike on 7th March 1981 by the doctors, nurses and other employees of the General Hospital, K.G.F.,

Re,—(iii) Lightening Strike on, 7-3-1981 by doctors nurses and other employees of the General Hospital K.G.F.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Health and Family Welfare to the lightening strike on 7th March 1981 by the doctors, nurses and other employees of the General Hospital K. G. F.,

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Deputy Speaker, Sir, I wish to make the following statement.

On the morning of 3-3-1981 one male patient was brought to the Civil Hospital, K.G.F. Dr. Lingaiab, M. D. was on duty on that day. He has admitted the case and labelled it as a case of heart attack and necessary treatment was recorded in the case sheet. Dr. Lingiah's duty was over by 12 noon. Dr. G. Dharmapalan, M. D. who is also a physician was on duty between 12-00 noon to 5-00 PM while Dr. Dharmapalan was on duty. Some people have approached him saying that the patient was serious. He has attended and seen the patient and after advising necessary treatment he has gone to the duty room.

In the afternoon, the patient became serious and expired. The agitated gang entered into duty Doctors room where Dr. Dharmapala was on duty and assaulted him. This gang according to the information was led by one Sri. Nazeer.

Dr. Dharmapalan lodged a complaint with the local police authorities about the assault while he was on duty and also informed the District Surgeon. The Dist. Surgeon has also contacted the Superintendent of Police who has assured the District Surgeon that suitable action will be taken.

As no tangible action was taken by the police, the staff of the hospital have resorted to a lightening strike on 7-3-1981 between 9-00 to 10 A. M. for one hour.

The Superintendent of Police has further assured the District Surgeon that he will take suitable action in the matter. At present, the situation is peaceful.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, I would like to know whether there was any negligence on the part of doctors for the cause of death of the patient. If there is any negligence, the department must take immediate action. Otherwise, if the patient was given sufficient treatment and was attended well and expired inspite of the good treatment, then you must take action against those persons who came in a gang and assaulted the doctor. After all there are deaths on account of heart attacks. You cannot save all the patients who were admitted into the hospital and many patients will die. What happened after the assault by the gang? All the doctors became demoralised and they were not able to do their work. They were panic stricken and the matter was reported to police. They did not take any action. If the gang was lead by Nazeer, the police should have arrested him. I am not pleading with this side or that side. If there was any negligence on the part of doctors whether he is Sri Lingaiah or Sri Dharmapalan. You have to suspend him. If the department or the District Surgeon were of the opinion that inspite of the best treatment given, the patient expired, then you must take action against Nazeer. You must also regulate entry into hospital. There must be some discipline. You cannot allow all the people to get into the wards and hospitals. If hundreds of people enter the wards, what will be the position of the patients? Kindly see that some regulation is made in regard to the entry into the hospital by fixing visitors hours. You have not made the Board of Visitors in several hospitals in Karnataka and they are not able to give advice to District Surgeons. What I want from the Government is that if the doctors fail in their duties and on account of their negligence if the patient dies, then you must take immediate action. In this particular case, if the patient has died on account of negligence on the part of the doctors, you must initiate action against the doctor, if not action must be taken against Nazeer. Kindly tell us what action you have taken.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—I agree that there must be some regulation for entry to the hospitals. It is a must. We have taken action to regulate entry into hospital. In regard to the doctors, there is no negligence on the part of the physicians who treated the patient. As this August House is aware, heart patient may die at any moment. There is an incident that a heart patient has died while driving the car at the signal point. When such is the case, I do not find any reason for the negligence on the part of the doctors. Further, there should be enough security in the hospitals for doctors to discharge their legitimate duties. Even in police department or other departments, there should be adequate security to facilitate

the personnel to discharge their duties. The police have arrested Sri Nazeer and they have told that Sri Nazeer is not the person who has assaulted the doctor. Some other persons have assaulted. Even the police were not negligent. But the doctors had an apprehension that the police might have let off the gang and resorted to a lightning strike for about 15 to 20 minutes. Anyway we have taken action against those who have come in a gang to attack the doctor. Regarding Board of Visitors, we are starting it. For your information, in Bangalore your neighbour, Kum. Pramila is heading the Victoria Hospital.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—You have made her as the Chairman for women's hospital.

KUM. S. PRAMILA.—Women patients are also there in the Victoria Hospital.

SRI P. RAMDEV.—Is it a reward for her joining your party?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—I assure that in K. G. F., the situation is normal and there is no apprehension on the part of the doctors for any demoralisation.

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

SRI N.B. SIRDASAR.—Sir, I present a petition signed by S. G. Redkar regarding delay in fixation of pay of Tracers of Public Works Department.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The petition stands referred to the Committee on Petitions.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Second Report of the Privileges Committee.

SRI K. BHASKAR NAIDU.—Sir, on behalf of the Chairman, Privileges Committee, I present the Second Report of the Committee of Privileges earlier presented to Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Report is present.